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Condemning the involvement of women in suicide bombings.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mrs. CLINTON, and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

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Whereas on October 24, 2001, the Senate approved amendment No. 1941 to H.R. 2506 of the One Hundred Seventh Congress expressing the sense of the Senate that suicide bombings are a horrific form of terrorism that must be universally condemned as terrorist acts;

Whereas it has been reported that an influential High Islamic Council has issued an edict that women should join men as suicide bombers;

Whereas the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a radical offshoot of the Fatah movement, has announced that it has created a special unit for women suicide bombers;

Whereas incidents, including a February 27, 2002, suicide bombing that injured 3 people and a January 27, 2002, suicide bombing that killed 1 person and injured an estimated 150 more, show an alarming trend in the use of women to carry out terrorist attacks against Israel;

Whereas troubling statements have been made suggesting that the involvement of women in carrying out suicide bombings will result in women achieving equal rights with men;

Whereas women throughout the world bravely serve in militaries that act in accordance with international law and custom; and

Whereas the involvement of women in carrying out suicide bombings is contrary to the important role women must play in conflict prevention and resolution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) reaffirms the condemnation of all suicide
3 bombings as terrorist acts, made by the Senate in
4 Senate amendment No. 1941 to H.R. 2506 of the
5 One Hundred Seventh Congress on October 24,
6 2001;

7 (2) deplores those acts as contrary to the values
8 and ideals of people everywhere; and

9 (3) calls on women of the world not to emulate
10 a self-destructive, brutal, and murderous crime.

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